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SUBJECT: PRESS SPECULATION ON EAGLETON TRIP

REF: NICOSIA 338

1. ATHENS PRESS AND RADIO/TV PICKED UP STORIES REGARDING EAGLETON VISIT TO CYPRUS END OF LAST WEEK AND SPECULATED WILDLY, AND AT TIMES CONTRADICTIONILY, ON PURPOSE HIS VISIT TO NICOSIA AND STOPOVER IN ATHENS JANUARY 26. SPECULATION FOCUSED IN FIRST INSTANCE ON WHETHER EAGLETON WAS PLAYING MEDIATOR ROLE AS "SPECIAL USG EMISSARY" AND LATER GREEK PRESS CLAIMED EAGLETON CARRYING MESSAGE FROM SECRETARY TO PM CARAMANLIS REGARDING CYPRUS SETTLEMENT.

2. LATTER CONJECTURE WAS DENIED BY GOG SPOKESMAN WHO SAID OVER WEEKEND THAT EAGLETON DID NOT BRING MESSAGE FROM SECRETARY TO CARAMANLIS WHEN EAGLETON VISITED ATHENS PREVIOUS WEEK. SPOKESMAN ADDED THAT EAGLETON SIMPLY ATTENDED MEETING BETWEEN AMBASSADOR KUBISCH AND FM BITSIOS (JAUNARY 15) DURING HIS VISIT HERE.

3. PRESS COVERAGE OF EAGLETON'S VISIT TO NICOSIA AND BRIEF
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STOPOVER IN ATHENS WAS EXTENSIVE IN CONTRAST TO HIS ACTUAL

VISIT TO ATHENS JANUARY 12-15 WHICH PASSED ALMOST
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